

ANNUAL REPORT TO LEYBURN R.D. COUNCIL FOR YEAR 1944.

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1. GENERAL STATISTICS.

AREA	...	...	...	...	...	...	63613 ACRES
POPULATION	...	...	...	...	...	...	6307
INHABITED HOUSES	...	...	...	...	...	...	1747
RATEABLE VALUE	...	...	...	...	...	...	£26141
PRODUCE OF 1D. RATE	...	...	...	...	...	...	£113

2. VITAL STATISTICS.

Births	Live Births	{	Legitimate	...	...	Male	59	Female	49	118
			Illegitimate	...	...	5	5			
	Still Births	{	Legitimate	...	...	2	1	3		
			Illegitimate	...	...	0	0			
	Birth-rate per 1000, 19.2. Average 18.1.									
	Deaths from Childbirth		{	Sepsis		0				
				Other causes		0				
Deaths	Deaths under 1 year—Legitimate 4. Illegitimate 2—51 per 1000 births.									
		„	from Measles				0			
		„	from Whooping Cough				0			
		„	from Diarrhoea, under 2 years				0			
		„	from Diphtheria				0			

3. GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES.

Hospital Accommodation

A—Fever. Arrangements exist with Richmond for the reception of Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria Typhoid cases in their Hospitals under a Joint Hospital Board.

Smallpox. Arrangements exist with Darlington for the isolation and treatment of Smallpox.

B—Hospital accommodation for Tubercular, Maternity, Children and Orthopaedics falls within the purview of the County Council. Unmarried mothers, illegitimate infants and homeless children in the area are dealt with under the new Poor Law.

Ambulances

AMBULANCES. Ambulances can be obtained from—
By subscribers, from Memorial Hospital, Darlington.
Ambulances for infectious cases are sent from Richmond at the request of the M.O.H.
The district needs an Ambulance.

Public Health Officers

The Officers of the District Council are a Medical Officer and a Sanitary Inspector, the latter, Mr. Sutton, being qualified and certificated.

Nursing

There is a District Nurse at Leyburn, who supervises Leyburn, Barden, Bellerby and Spennithorne. There is another at Preston, who visits Preston, Wensley, Redmire and Castle Bolton.

There is a District Nurse for Hunton, Patrick Brompton, Newton-le-Willows and Constable Burton.

There is a District Nurse at East Witton, who also serves Thornton Steward, Middleham and Coverdale.

The District Nurses act as midwives.

Laboratory Facilities

Free examination of Swabs and other pathological material at Emergency Laboratory, North-allerton. Sputum examined for tubercle at expense of County Council.
Free provision of Diphtheria anti-toxin.

Bye-laws

Building and Street Bye-laws have proved of value. There is a Town Planning Scheme.

The R.D. Council provide Diphtheria immunisation. Immunisation is offered to all through their own Doctor; the Council will pay 5/- each for each case immunised.

Immunisation is carried out at the Schools. About 90 per cent. of children are immunised.

4. SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES.

Water Supplies

The parishes of Leyburn, Middleham, Patrick Brompton, Harmby, Preston, Bellerby and part of Hunton, Carlton Highdale all have piped water supplies under the control of the Council.

During September, the Leyburn supply at Cranehow Bottom failed to keep up with the demand, and the engine and pump at Whipperdale was brought into use. It was working for two weeks and proved quite satisfactory. When the yield at Cranehow increased, the pumping ceased.

Patrick Brompton engine and pump continue to be difficult to maintain in working order.

Bellerby village supply again failed in August, and Bedale R.D.C. had to use their electric pump to maintain the supply.

The parishes of Agglethorpe, Arrathorne, Castle Bolton, Carlton Town, Finghall, Melmerby, Redmire, East and West Scafton, Spennithorne and Wensley have piped water supplies operated in some cases by small water companies and by Parish Councils. Generally these village supplies are fairly satisfactory.

Water supply schemes are urgently required for Constable Burton, Hauxwell, Hutton Hang, East Witton, Hunton, Newton-le-Willows, Thornton Steward and West Witton.

Sewerage

Leyburn, Middleham, Castle Bolton, East Witton and Swinithwaite have stoneware sewers laid to sewage works. Sewers are a necessity in many more villages.

Scavenging

The Council undertake the removal of house refuse in the parishes of Leyburn, Middleham, and house refuse and privy emptying in Arrathorne, Hunton and Hornby. Many more parishes should be added to this list. A new tip has been acquired at Arrathorne. The tip at Middleham is unsuitable for the purpose. A new one will have to be found.

Rivers and Streams

Pollution of streams takes place at Carlton, Harmby, Bellerby, Hunton and West Witton.
Sewage works are an urgent necessity in these villages.

Camp Sites

There are no camp sites in the area.

Sanitary Inspector

Details of inspections made and action taken.

	Inspections.	Informal Notices.		Statutory Notices.	
		Served.	Complied with.	Served.	Complied with.
Council's Works	489	-	-	-	-
Housing	19	9	8	6	0
Slaughterhouse	268	-	-	-	-
Dairies, Cowsheds	15	-	-	-	-
Total	791	9	8	6	0

Disinfection

Infectious Disease Prevention—Fumigation by Formalin was carried out at 8 premises during the year.

Bed Bugs

No Bug Infestations were reported during the year.

Meat Inspections

The whole of the fresh meat for the Rural Areas of Aysgarth and Leyburn is now being killed at Leyburn slaughterhouse. It is controlled by the Ministry of Food, who have appointed the Wensleydale Butchers' Association to be their contractors, and this Association carries out the slaughtering. The slaughter of graded animals takes place on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays of each week. Animals that are rejected at the grading, or any that injure themselves in transit, or are found by their owners to be unwell are being sent in for slaughter daily. Such animals are known in the slaughterhouse as Casualties. Separate records are kept of these animals.

Graded Animals					Casualty Animals				
Beasts	Cows	Sheep	Calves	Pigs	Beasts	Cows	Sheep	Calves	Pigs
505	68	3436	6	21	12	121	126	66	34

CONDEMNATIONS—

GRADED—whole carcasses.					CASUALTY—whole carcasses.				
Beasts	Cows	Sheep	Calves	Pigs	Beasts	Cows	Sheep	Calves	Pigs
1	1	7	7	7	5	42	50	12	2

Total weight of meat and offals condemned, suffering from tuberculosis—

5 tons 2 cwts. 26 lbs.

Total weight of meat and offals condemned, suffering from other diseases—

7 tons 7 cwts. 24 lbs.

Approximately one half of the milk cows sent in to the Slaughterhouse as casualties are found to be suffering from tuberculosis.

Milk

There are 396 registered cowkeepers in the area. Most of the milk produced is collected by the large dairies with depots in or near Leyburn. Producer retailers are not numerous, there are only 9.

Schools The County Council are to provide feeding centres at Redmire, Wensley, Leyburn, East Witton, Middleham and West Witton. These centres will all have satisfactory water supplies. If the scheme is extended to Thornton Steward, Newton-le-Willows, Hauxwell and Constable Burton, the provision of a wholesome piped supply will have to be considered for these villages.

5. **HOUSING STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR.**

Housing *Housing Act, 1935 : Overcrowding.*

It was again impossible to carry out systematic housing inspections during the year. Three cottages erected by the Council are still used as a Hostel for evacuees. The undermentioned are particulars of houses known to be overcrowded. In many cases the dwellings are unfit for human habitation. It is impossible to keep accurate records of dwellings that are overcrowded as a result of the war, *i.e.* houses where bombed out friends or relatives are staying for an indefinite period or where the wives and families of serving men are lodged. The latter usually move off as soon as their husbands are transferred to another district. Care has been taken to ensure that official evacuees are not placed in overcrowded dwellings.

A.	1.	Number of dwellings overcrowded at end of year	...	...	...	10
	2.	Number of persons dwelling therein	...	...	...	68
B.		Number of new cases of overcrowding reported in year	...	...	...	0
C.	1.	Number of cases of overcrowding relieved in year	...	...	...	5
	2.	Number of persons concerned in such cases	...	...	...	25

6. **NOTIFIABLE DISEASES.**

	Age—1	1	2	3	4-5	10	15	20	35	45	55	Notified	Admitted to Hospital	Deaths
Small Pox												Nil	Nil	Nil
Diphtheria						1		0		0		1	1	Nil
Scarlet		0		1	0	1	2		2			6	6	Nil
Puerperal												0	Nil	Nil
Pneumonia						1			1		2	4	Nil	Nil

General Measles 301 cases notified. No Vaccinations or Re-Vaccinations have been performed by M.O.H. Influenza, some Scarlet Fever and 1 Diphtheria occurred.

OPHTHALMIA NEONATORUM.

Cases notified—nil. Treated at home—nil. Vision impaired—nil.

TUBERCULOSIS NOTIFICATIONS.

	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Deaths	
					Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary
AGE	M	F	M	F	M	F
0—1	...	...	...	...	...	...
5	...	...	...	1	...	...
10	...	...	...	...	...	...
15	...	...	2	...	...	2
20	...	...	...	1	...	...
25	1	...	...	...	1	1
35	...	...	...	...	1	...
45	...	...	...	...	0	0
55	1	...	...	...	1	...
64 up	...	...	...	...	1	...
	2	0	2	2	4	1
						2
						0

No action under the Prevention of Tuberculosis Regulations, 1925, was required.

Things requiring attention : Scavenging for the whole district, and the acquisition of suitable tips for the disposal of refuse. More houses to be provided by the Council. A water and sewage service and scavenging for every village.

I am, yours obediently,
GEORGE COCKCROFT.

